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The democrats are beginning to find out that the republican party is a good deal like the Keely motor—it won't go.

Congress will adjourn on Friday for two weeks, which is customary at holiday times. The country will feel thankful for these two weeks.

The semi-annual session of the Wisconsin teachers' association will be held in the senate chamber at Madison, beginning on Wednesday evening, the 26th, and continuing through the 28th.

It is sincerely hoped that Mr. Tennyson will not attempt to manufacture a poem on the beautiful snow. The American people have some respect for the article that gives them good sleighing, and they don't want it libeled.

A fire occurred at the Plankinton house, Milwaukee, last night, which at one time threatened the destruction of that splendid building, but cool-headedness and the prompt action of the fire department, prevented a conflagration, the loss will reach only \$8,000.

We are furnished the following list of new inventions, for which patents were recently granted to Wisconsin inventors, issued December 11, as reported by Erwin & Benedict, patent attorneys, Milwaukee, Wis.

Studs fastening spring—W. Nack, Sheboygan.

Running-gear for vehicles—O. M. Phelps and C. Hansen, Madison.

Table-leg—D. N. Smith and J. B. Raynor, Marion.

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A correspondent asks the Chicago Journal what is the stronger denomination of the two in this country, the Methodists or the Catholics. The Journal answers as follows:

According to latest statistics, the Roman Catholic church in this country has 6,832,054, and the Methodist church has 3,941,875. Next comes the Baptist church which has 3,332,553.

The answer of the Journal is somewhat misleading, as it does not fully give the facts. In the statistics given regarding the Catholic church, children of all ages are included, provided they have Catholic parents; whereas the statistics touching the Methodist church, include only the actual membership of the church, which usually does not include children under 16. Estimating the membership of the Methodist church in the same manner the Catholic membership was arrived at, there would be an addition of over a million and a half to the population of the former church.

Dr. Dio Lewis' Monthly for December, is just published. It is a splendid magazine. It promises to keep step with the most ambitious of our great monthlies. It will be illustrated whenever the subjects demand such aid, but its peculiar feature, as heretofore, will consist of an able, earnest and determined discussion of sanitary and social questions. Those who have read the past issues of this magazine will need no assurance of the ungiored vehemence of its work. It leaves no room to doubt its meaning or purpose. Dr. Lewis will contribute to each issue papers on hygienic themes, whose value even earnest people will find it difficult to exaggerate, while nearly a hundred writers known to the public will contribute papers on living subjects. It is published by Frank Sabin, Bible House, New York. Although among the largest and beautiful of our magazines, it is only \$2.50 per year, or 25 cents a number. For sale by all newsdealers.

Some democratic papers are finding much fault with the selection of Senator Sabin as chairman of the republican national committee. They claim that his political morality is not of the right kind, and charge that he has been engaged in playing sharp games on the state of Minnesota regarding the prison contracts at Stillwater. Mr. Sabin has been very successful in business, and he has not been achieved through doubtful proceedings. The Springfield (Massachusetts) Republican, an independent paper, and which seizes every opportunity to find fault with the republican party and its managers, says: "Some of our readers remember him when, as a young man, with his breeches tucked in his boots, he used to draw cards

wood into the southern towns of Worcester county for \$2 a cord. We do not refer to his humble beginning as a ground of political disapprovement, but as an evidence of his business success, of which it will be proud."

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Little Business Done by Congress—The Senators Caucusing.

Minneapolis Canal—Logan and Conkling—A Senatorial Coolness—Dynamite Sensation—Butler and Randall—Capital Notes.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 18.—Both houses of congress adjourned until Wednesday, owing to the death of Congress. A bill for the constitutional amendment of Haskell's death was made. Sherman introduced an order that the Senate proceed to the election of secretary, chief clerk, principal executive clerk, chaplain and sergeant-at-arms, which went over. Petitions were presented from the letter carriers of Kansas City and Nashville praying for legislative action to give thirty days leave annually. Harris presented a petition from the merchants' exchange of Memphis, Tenn., asking that an appropriation be made to pay the route to telegraph details provided by the tariff act. He also presented a bill for the immediate relief of the Blackfeet and other Indians in northern Montana. Hale introduced several bills relating to the building up of the navy and made a vigorous speech regarding the necessity for preparation in this matter. Plumb, Cockrell and Duvies were appointed a committee to attend on the obsequies of the late Congressman Haskell.

In the house of representatives the chairman referred to the death of Hon. D. C. Haskell, and Anderson delivered an eloquent address.

Hon. J. H. Murphy, of Iowa, will, when the house sits, if the states are called for the introduction of bills, introduce a bill to provide for the construction of the Chicago & Mississippi River canal cheaper transportation. This is known as the proposed Hoosier canal. Mr. Murphy's bill provides that the route surveyed by the secretary of war, in compliance with the instructions of the Forty-seventh congress, for the construction of the Michigan and Mississippi canal, from the Illinois river, near the town of Hannibal, to the Mississippi river, at or above Rock Island, and designated in said survey as the Rock Island route, together with the route surveyed for a branch canal or feeder from Rock river to the Mississippi, before October, shall be a drugstore Astoria, and act to be "An act to provide for the immediate relief of the Blackfeet and other Indians in northern Montana. Hale introduced several bills relating to the building up of the navy and made a vigorous speech regarding the necessity for preparation in this matter. Plumb, Cockrell and Duvies were appointed a committee to attend on the obsequies of the late Congressman Haskell.

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